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Statement of support for South Lawson Park Plan of Management and Masterplan

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society is a community-based volunteer organisation with over 900 members. Its mission is to help conserve the natural environment of the Greater Blue Mountains, and to increase awareness of the natural environment in general.

The Society has been engaged in public consultations on the future of the Lawson Golf Course since 2018 and lodged submissions in response to initial concepts and draft plans. We supported the South Lawson Park Plan of Management and Masterplan as adopted by the Council in March 2021.

The Society is therefore concerned that, one year after adoption of these plans, the community is being asked "do you support the current vision for South Lawson Park"? That is, the vision stated in the community-endorsed Masterplan: "to create a significant recreational space that balances the needs of a wide cross-section of the community and improves the protection of nearby waterways".

Asking if the community supports the current vision for South Lawson Park at this stage seems anachronous. The Society understood that the only questions remaining were to do with the type of fencing for the dog off-leash area, exact placement of the fence line and placement of water features etc. Re-opening the whole Masterplan to another round of community consultation in the context of construction problems at the site can only reignite debates that we understood were settled by the adoption of the plans; in particular, the fenced dog off-leash area on the site.

However, the Society will take this opportunity to again state its support for the South Lawson Park Plan of Management and Masterplan as adopted by the Council in March 2021. The park must remain as planned: a much-needed shared recreational resource available to all members of the community.

Yours sincerely,

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